

## Republika ng Pilipinas TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD Lungsod ng Naga

City Hall Compound, J. Hiranda Avenue, Nage City, \$400



## ORDINANCE NO. 2020 - 018

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MAYOR TO IMPOSE PRE-EMPTIVE COMMUNITY QUARANTINE AND RELATED MEASURES AS A PRO-ACTIVE ACTION AGAINST THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN NAGA CITY:-

On joint and collective motion

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

Resolution No. 11 of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease authorizes local governments to impose localized quarantine in a barangay in the event of the occurrence of COVID-19 cases in at least two households in the barangay, and in the entire LGU in the event of the occurrence of COVIDF-19 cases in at least two of its barangays.

The Resolution however is reactive in nature authorizing containment measures after the detection of at least two COVID-19 cases. A far better option is to implement measures to pre-empt the spread of the disease in our city. Such pre-emptive action is necessary as the impending lockdown of Metro Manila brought with it an exodus of people to the provinces including Naga City raising the risk of spreading the disease outside of Metro Manila.

Likewise, the presence of the Bicol Medical Center in Naga City, which is one of the confinement centers for individuals with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, as well as the presence of other hospitals and medical facilities in our city, equally brings with them the risk of localized transmission of the virus. Section 16 of the Local Government Code, otherwise known as the "General Welfare Clause" mandates local governments to exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare

It further mandates LGUs to promote the health and safety of its residents, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants. Given the prevailing circumstances and the mandate imposed on the city by the Local Government Code, The following ordinance is herein adopted.

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Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Naga, that:

SECTION 1. RATIONALE. Rather than wait for a Nagaueno to be infected by COVID-19, the city government has deemed it more prudent to institute pre-emptive and pro-active measures to minimize the risks of exposure and infection of its residents.

This approach is compelled by: the influx of people evading the lockdown in Metro Manila where there are confirmed cases of COVID-19; the presence of the Bicol

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Medical Center in Naga City where patients with suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases are confined; the presence of private hospitals, medical clinics and laboratories where people seek medical attention; and the fact that Naga, being a city, is a natural convergence point for people.

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF A GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE. The city mayor is herein authorized to declare a general community quarantine in a given barangay, in a cluster of barangays, or in the entire city, even prior to the existence of an actual confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the city.

SECTION 3. DECLARATION OF AN ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE. The city mayor is herein authorized to declare an enhanced community quarantine in a given barangay, in a cluster of barangays, or in the entire city, upon the confirmed incidence of a single COVID-19 case in the city.

SECTION 4. GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE. The following restrictions shall be in effect upon the declaration by the city mayor of a general community quarantine;

- a. Restriction of the non-essential entry of people to the contained area, especially persons who are at high risk of being infected (i.e., 60 years old and above, immunocompromised or with co-morbidities and pregnant women), except (1) health workers, (2) authorized government officials, (3) those travelling for medical or humanitarian reasons including church ministers, (4) persons providing basic services and public utilities, and (5) essential skeletal workforce; and
- b. Prohibition of non-essential exit of people out of the contained area, except (1) health workers, (2) authorized government officials, (3) those travelling for medical or humanitarian reasons including church ministers, and (4) those who were granted entry based on the above-mentioned provisions, provided that all persons leaving the contained community must be checked for signs and symptoms (e.g., fever, respiratory symptoms, diarrhea) at exit checkpoints.
- Mandatory self-quarantine for people coming from the National Capital Region, or from any province or city or country where there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 infection.

SECTION 5. ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE. The following restrictions shall be in effect upon the declaration by the city mayor of an enhanced community quarantine:

- a. Home quarantine in all households;
- Suspension of operation of all public utility vehicles to and from the quarantined area;
- Heightened presence of uniformed personnel to enforce quarantine protocols

SECTION 6. ADDITIONAL CONTAINMENT MEASURES. Under any quarantine condition, the city mayor is further authorized to:

- Require the submission of completely filled up disembarkation or entry forms for passengers of both public utility vehicles and private vehicles.
- Prohibit the entry of a vehicle any of whose passengers refuse to completely fill up a disembarkation or entry form



- c. In addition to filling up the disembarkation or entry forms, require all persons coming from localities with confirmed cases of COVIN-19 to immediately undergo self-quarantine upon their arrival and report their status and whereabouts, thru their relatives or friends or thru any means of communication, to their barangay official, or their barangay health worker or the City Health Office for proper monitoring.
- d. Regulate the operating hours of malls and business establishments or order their temporary closure for the period of the quarantine
- e. Require business establishments to undertake disinfection of their premises f. Require hotels to submit to the City Health Office on a daily basis by electronic mail a registry of their newly admitted guests along with a copy of their disembarkation or entry form and, if the guest is coming from the national capital region, or from an infected province or city as declared by
- the DOH, inform the guest that they are to undergo a mandatory 14-day quarantine period, at cost to the guest. If the guest declines the mandatory quarantine at the hotel, the hotel shall immediately inform the Naga City Incident Management Team for COVID-19 of the situation for its appropriate action.
- g. Implement any or all measures enumerated under IATF-EID Resolutions and those enjoined or mandated by the Department of Health.
- h. Implement such other measures as may be recommended by the City Health Office and the Incident Management Team for COVID-19. Failure to comply with Sec. 6a, 6b, 6c and 6f shall be deemed as non-cooperation of persons or entities that should report and/or respond to notifiable diseases or health events of public concern subject to the penalties of Republic Act. No. 11332.

SECTION 7. HOME QUARANTINE. All persons arriving from areas with confirmed cases of COVID-19 are deemed persons under monitoring (PUM) or persons under investigation (PUI) depending on the assessment and recommendation by the City Health Officer. PUMs shall undergo home quarantine. Persons under home or voluntary quarantine shall observe the protocols set by the DOH or the City Health Office. PUIs shall undergo home or hospital quarantine as recommended by the City Health Officer.

SECTION 8. INFORMATION DISSEMINATION. The CEPPIO is herein directed to: (a) keep the public abreast of the policies and measures undertaken by the city government against COVID-19 using all media platforms at its disposal; (b) disseminate the contact numbers to whom PUM, PUIs, their relatives or friends may report their status and whereabouts, and to whom the public may report suspected presence of PUMs or PUIs, such contact numbers to include those of local health officials and personnel, IMT-COVID-19 command center, punong barangays and barangay health workers

SECTION 9. REPORTING. The city mayor shall render a weekly report to the Sangguniang Panlungsod of any action taken in consonance with this ordinance and the same shall be posted by CEPPIO on all public information platforms of the city government.

## SECTION 10. MORAL SUASION OF VIOLATORS.

- a. For refusal by an individual who is deemed a person under monitoring (PUM) or Person Under Investigation (PUI) to observe the protocols mandated in this ordinance:
  - 1. for the first offense reprimand;
  - 2. for the second offense posting of their identity and their violation on the media platforms of the city government for a period of 14 days for purposes of warning the public of the risk of exposure from the said



person provided the post may be taken out earlier upon compliance with the protocols by the PUM;

any succeeding offense shall be prosecuted under the terms of Republic Act No. 11332.

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  - succeeding offenses shall be prosecuted under the terms of Republic Act No. 11332.
- Violations of this ordinance committed by business entities shall be subject to the following:
  - 1. reprimand for the first offense:
  - suspension of the business permit for twice the duration of the community quarantine for the second offense,
  - if the business entity defies the suspension of its permit, the same shall be prosecuted under the terms of Republic Act No. 11332 and the mayor's permit shall be deemed cancelled upon filing of the complaint.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

ENACTED: March 14, 2020

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WE HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

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City Councilor &

Acting Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

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